Sample article for national organizations to use when communicating to their affiliates

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VITA/TCE Grant Applications Accepted June 1 – July 9, 2010



Is your organization interested in providing free tax assistance to low income individuals and families in your community? By sponsoring a volunteer program with the IRS, you may apply to receive a federal government grant to help with your program costs.

The grant opportunities for the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance Program and the Tax Counseling for the Elderly Program are described on the website, <u>Grants.gov</u>.

Completed applications are due by July 9, 2010, and may be submitted via <u>Grants.gov</u>, the U.S. Postal Service mail or courier.

Interested organizations may obtain application materials online from either <u>Grants.gov</u> or <u>IRS.gov</u>. Those interested in applying for BOTH programs should closely review the application instructions for each program and not assume they are the same.

Questions about the TCE and VITA Grants may be directed to the IRS Grant Program Office as shown below.

- **Phone:** 404-338-7894 Available Monday through Friday (except federal holidays) from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.
- Email available 24/7: <u>TCE.Grant.Office@irs.gov</u> (TCE) or <u>Grant.Program.Office@irs.gov</u> (VITA) – Responses generally will be provided Monday through Friday between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

Information is available online 24/7. At the IRS.gov home page, typing either *community network* or *vita grant* will take you to the IRS Grants page in two clicks. Look for application aids and Frequently Asked Questions.

NOTE TO AFFILIATES: Below are additional resources to help promote these IRS grant programs.

- News Release, IR-2010-66, May 26, 2010, IRS Seeking Applicants for Volunteer Tax Assistance Program Grants
- Publication 4680, VITA and TCE Grants Programs
- Tax Counseling for the Elderly Web page
- VITA Grants Web page